

**The Christmas Concert at the M. E. Church.**

At an early hour last Sunday evening the M. E. church of this city was so crowded with people that many who came before the services began were unable to find seats. The program was of such an entertaining character, however, as to make it fully worth while to remain, even to those who were compelled to stand.

As will be seen by a glance at the program, orchestral music and singing were the principal features of the evening, and much credit is due Rev. Fitch, the leader of the orchestra, for the fine selections he made and the thorough manner in which he trained all who took part.

The children cannot be overpraised for the parts they performed. Little tots who could hardly be seen standing behind the flowers which decorated the front of the pulpit, "spoke their piece" in so masterly a manner as would put many an older person to shame.

Following was the program in full as rendered:

Mrs. W. S. Fitch, Superintendent; Mrs. W. L. Jackson, Literary director; Rev. W. S. Fitch, Musical Director; Mrs. A. E. Atkins, in Charge of Decorations.

1. Prelude, Selections from the Oratorio of the Creation, arranged by Rev. W. S. Fitch, rendered by the Church Orchestra:—Rev. W. S. Fitch, Director; E. L. Oakes and Lillie Clayton, First Violins; Geo. Fleetham, Horn; T. F. Chandler, Base; Essie Abraham, Pianist; O. C. Laizure Organist.

2. Salutation by the Pastor.

3. Chorus from "David, the Shepherd Boy, For the Joyful Feast Prepare," by the Choir:—Mrs. Wm. Gillett, Misses Dee Moore, Gertie Scott, Josie Whitehill, Addie Clayton and Pearl Childers, sopranos; Mrs. Marriott, alto; Wm. Gillett, tenor; Mr. Marriott, basso. Supported by orchestra.

4. Prayer by the pastor.

5. Chorus, "O Ring, ye Bells, the Story,"—School, choir and orchestra.

6. Recitation, "Christmas Carol," by Dean Alexander.

7. Speeches by Ludie Upchurch, Hibbard Moore, Lillian Rivers, Charley Marriott and Willie Rodgers.

8. Chorus, "Wonderful Savior,"—school, choir and orchestra.

9. Recitation, "The Midnight is Past," by Harold Link.

10. Recitation, by Fred Campbell.

11. Solos and chorus, "Hallowed Night,"—Mrs. Wm. Gillett Misses Josie Whitehill and Dee Moore, supported by choir and orchestra.

12. Recitation, "Old Father Santa Claus"—Mary Whitehill.

13. Recitation, "The Angels' Song," by Charley Maher.

14. Carol, "All This Night," by Carrie Whitehill, supported by school, choir and orchestra.

15. Recitation, "The Savior's Advent," by Clara Upchurch.

16. Song, "O, Star of Wonder," by Arthur Rivers.

17. Recitation, "Thanking Santa Claus," by Walter Maiser.

18. Chorus, "Ring Out, Glad Bells," by school, choir and orchestra.

19. Recitation, "Christmas Tide," by Ollie Potter.

20. Recitation, "That Lustrous Star," by Irwin Moore.

21. Anthem, "Father, Hear Our Prayer," arranged by Rev. W. S. Fitch. Solos by Mrs. Marriott, Mrs. Gillett and Misses Dee Moore, Addie Clayton and Josie Whitehill, supported by choir and orchestra.

22. Recitation, "Christmas Time," by Carrie Whitehill.

23. Chorus, "Let the Earth Rejoice," by school, choir and orchestra.

24. Recitation, "On Christmas Day," by Gussie Rodgers.

25. Chorus, "Beautiful Story,"—school, choir and orchestra.

26. Benediction by the pastor.

27. Postlude, arranged by Rev. W. S. Fitch, by the orchestra.

The music on the following evening, Christmas eve, was rendered by the orchestra and children and was enjoyed by all present.

The Christmas tree was the delight of the children and many a little one left the church with a lighter heart than it had felt for many a day.

The entertainments were a success in every respect and the children especially will not soon forget the part Rev. and Mrs. Fitch took in them.

**Cantwell Not Dead.**

The reported killing of Dave Cantwell, at Downey, Cal., has no foundation in fact. Letters have been received from Cantwell by parties here which prove that he is still among the living. He has gone into Nevada to engage once more in the cattle business.—Sierra County Advocate.

M. F. Fleming is in from the Gila.

C. M. Foraker came in from the Burros to spend Christmas.

W. A. Heather, the Gila merchant, was in to spend Christmas at home.

R. M. Rucker, for many years a resident of this county is now at Anaheim, Cal.

Robert Evans was injured by a horse last week. It was thought at first that his injuries were of a very serious nature, but he is getting along nicely.

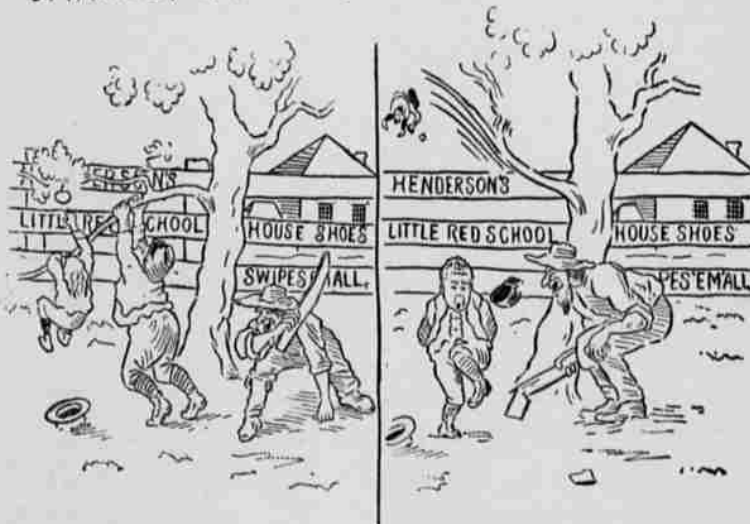
A company of cavalry from Fort Bayard passed through town last Saturday on the way back to the fort. The men had been out in the mountains on a hunt. No Indians were found.

J. F. Groane, who has been in the employ of R. H. Speed for the past three months, goes to Quincy, Ill., this morning. He is a hustler and understands the butcher business thoroughly.

The Christmas tree service at the Episcopal church, on Friday evening (Holy Innocents day), will be held at 7 o'clock. Some of the Christmas music will be repeated, next Sunday. All are invited to these services.

Frank Farnsworth and wife arrived from Albuquerque Monday afternoon. They spent Christmas here and will return in a few days. Frank is on the passenger run on the Albuquerque division and does not get down here often.

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